

[IN THE] ABSTRACT:

[Please replace the Abstract with the following rewritten version:]

- - A printing process is provided for forming a pattern on an earplug, including orientating and transferring the earplug to a printing device and forming the pattern on the earplug. The printing device may comprise an ink jet printer. The pattern may be formed of any number of colors and may comprise a custom logo, printed text, a decorative pattern, or any other pattern. - -